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# RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION OF JULY 1, 2002

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 2

Claim 2 (Twice Amended). A process as claimed in claim 1 waterein the desired oxide contains one cation selected from the group consisting of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, ZrO<sub>2</sub>, TiO<sub>2</sub>, HfO<sub>2</sub>, MgO, and SiO<sub>2</sub>.

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